

Consumers and environment: availability of information on fuel economy of new passengers cars

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The Commission's amended proposal retains, partially or in total, 15 out of the 29 amendments approved by the European Parliament in its first reading. These amendments aim at : - mentioning that one of the objectives of the scheme is to provide information on CO2 emissions, as well as on fuel consumption; - extending the definition of the point of sale; - giving the role to the Commission, with the assistance of the Committee, to look into how to classify categories of cars (e.g. small, medium, large) and how a list of the top 10 most fuel-efficient cars in each category should be drawn up; - clarifying that the Commission, with the help of the Committee, should seek to further harmonise the scheme, in the future, if such a harmonisation is felt to be appropriate; - adding an explanation of the effects of additional options, such as air conditioning, on fuel consumption on the label and the in guide; - ensuring that there is a reference to the Internet guide in the paper guide; - including both the urban and extra-urban drive cycles in the scope of the label, guide and poster; - clarifying that the electronic guide will be kept up-to-date with the changes in the new car market.